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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that a few days ago several Iranian officials left for Khoy, a small town north of Lake Urumiah in Western Azerbaijan, to meet there a number of Turkish officials with whom they are to discuss frontier disputes.

The names of the officials have not been announced, but I understand that the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affaires and the War Department are represented. They and the Turks will form a Commission empowered to settle any incidents of more than routine nature and which could not be

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be settled by the local authorities.

This is the first time such a Commission has been formed since the signature in Tehran on March 14, 1937, of the Irano-Turkish Convention for the Settlement of Frontier Incidents. (See Legation's despatch No. 1068, May 31, 1937). Article 7 of that Convention provided that the Commission should meet not later than six months after the promulgation of the Convention, but as far as I know nothing was ever done about it.

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Respectfully yours,

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